



ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION

March 23, 2004

Kim Schnitz, Road Commissioner; Adams Road District, LaSalle County,
Illinois,
Petitioner

Vs.

The Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railway Company and State of Illinois,
Department of Transportation,
Respondents.

T04-0026

Petition for an Order of the Illinois Commerce Commission authorizing the
closure of the East 2375th Road grade crossing, an Adams Township road, over
the tracks of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company and directing
an incentive payment of \$25,000.00 to the Petitioner from the Grade Crossing
Protection Fund.

Mr. Lawrence Kinzer
LaSalle County Highway Engineer
1400 N. 27th Road
Ottawa, IL 61350

Dear Mr. Kinzer:

Receipt is acknowledged of the original and four (4) copies of the Petition filed March 22, 2004 in the
above matter.

**All future correspondence/pleadings should be filed with an original and two (2) copies and
addressed to: Mr. Dave Lazarides, Acting Director of Processing, Illinois Commerce Commission,
527 E. Capitol Avenue, Springfield, IL 62701 or you may file electronically through E-Docket if you
have an account. To apply for an account, please log on to www.icc.state.il.us and apply for an E-
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cc: Mr. Victor A. Modeer, IDOT
Mr. W. Douglas Werner, BNSF
Ms. Cheryl Townlian, BNSF
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Mr. Kim Schnitz, Adams Township

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PETITION

TO THE ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION:

Now comes the Petitioner, Adams Township Road District, County of LaSalle, Illinois by Kim Schnitz, Road Commissioner and respectfully petitions the Honorable Commission as follows:

1. That Petitioner has jurisdiction under the laws of the State of Illinois, being the Illinois Highway Code, over East 2375th Road, a part of the Adams Township highway system, which carries local traffic across the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railway Company tracks in a north-south direction, north of U.S. Route 34.
2. That Petitioner requests the closure of the East 2375th grade crossing to vehicular traffic.

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3. That the unsignalized crossing is located in an unincorporated area and carries an average daily traffic of 29 vehicles and that the speed limit on East 2375th Road is unposted.
4. That the average number of freight trains movements per day at the crossing is 23 and the average number of passenger train movements per day is 6.
5. That the maximum timetable speed for the passenger trains at the crossing is 79 m.p.h. and for freight trains at the crossing is 60 m.p.h.
6. That the nearest public rail-highway crossings are located $\frac{3}{4}$ -miles west and $\frac{1}{4}$ mile east of the East 2375th Road crossing.
7. That the alignment between the rail tracks and the highway is approximately 90-degrees, with the tracks being elevated and located only 65-feet north of the intersection of East 2375th Road and U.S. Route 34.
8. That there is no known accident history at this location.
9. That the crossing is primarily used by passenger vehicles and some agricultural equipment.

10. That the location of emergency response units having responsibility for the grade crossing area is as follows:

LaSalle County Sheriffs' Department
707 East Etna Road
Ottawa, IL 61350

Somonauk Fire and ambulance Service
140 West Dekalb Road
Somonauk, IL 60522

WHEREFORE, Petitioner prays that the Honorable Commission will set the aforesaid matter for hearing, and after said hearing enter an Order, pursuant to 625 ILCS 5/18c-7401 and 18c-1202, the "Illinois Commercial Transportation Law", for the closure of the grade crossing and for directing the incentive payment of \$25,000.00 to the petitioner from the Grade Crossing Protection Fund.

Respectfully submitted,
ADAMS TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT
LASALLE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

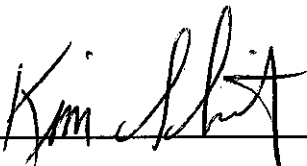
VERIFICATION

STATE OF ILLINOIS)

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COUNTY OF LASALLE)

I, KIM SCHNITZ, being duly sworn upon oath depose and say that I am Road Commissioner for Adams Township in the County of LaSalle, Illinois; that I have read the foregoing Petition by me subscribed and know the contents thereof; that said contents are true in substance and in fact.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kim Schnitz", is written over a horizontal line.

Kim Schnitz, Adams Twp. Road Commissioner

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO me this
_____ day of _____, 2004.

NOTARY PUBLIC